Custom duty on Cefotaxime Sodium

3076. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 68 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th April, 1992 and state:

(b) whether it is a fact that formulations of Cefotaxime Sodium are not being imported and are produced in the country by importing the bulk drug;

(b) what are the names of the companies who imported formulations during 1991 and upto 30th June, 1992 and what is the price at which imported formulation is being sold;

(c) what are the names of the companies who are producing formulations and what is the maximum retail price of each; and

(d) what is the MAPE and bulk drug price taken in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) To the extent information is available, the formulations of Cefotaxime Sodium are not being imported and being produced in the country by importing the bulk drug.

(c) and (d) To the extent information is available, M/s. Hoechst, M/s. Roussel, M/s. Cadila and M/s. Biochem are producing formulations by importing bulk drug Cefotaxime and the prices of 100 gm. Cefotaxime Injection with the MAPE bulk drug prices taken by each manufacturer are as follows:—

Name of Manufacturer	MAPE (%)	Retail Price	Bulk drug price (per kg.)
M/s Hoechst	120	143.00 (with ED & & local taxes)	39390.00 (US$ 1500 at official exchange rate)
M/s Roussel	120	143.00 (with ED (local taxes)	3939000 (US$ 1500 at official exchange rates)
M/s Cadila	N.A.*	131.90 (with ED & without local taxes)	N.A.*
M/s Biochem .	N.A.*	140.35 (with ED & local taxes)	N.A.*

N.A.*—Not available

Monitoring effect of duty concession

3077. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the monitoring effect of duty concessions by strengthening the present administrative arrangements through reorganisation of work has been affected;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the plans of Government and by when reorganisation of work would be affected;

(d) whether it is a fact that duties are reduced at the instance of international forces which are operating through high ups including Development Commissioner (PI);

(e) what are the names of the bulk drugs on which Government recommended for reduction and exemption of duty during 1991 and 1992 and what are the names of major producers of formulations based on each drugs; and

(f) what are the reasons based on which duty reduction was recommended on Cefatoxim Sodium Ceftazin-dine and who are the major formulations of these drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) For monitoring the effect of duty concessions, strengthening of the present administrative arrangement through reorganisation of the existing staff in the Deptt. is under examination.

(d) to (f) No, Sir. The purpose of giving custom duty concessions on bulk